(c) if so, whether Government have issued any directives to public sector banks for disbursing loans to farmers without any delay; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that the amount of crop loan disbursed by all scheduled commercial banks in the country and in the State of Gujarat during the year ended June, 1992 for minor irrigation schemes was respectively Rs. 347.42 crores and Rs. 19.45 crores. The data for 1993 is not available.

(b) to (d) As per the guidelines issued by RBI to all public sector banks, all loan applications upto a credit limit of Rs. 25,000 should be disposed off within a fortnight and those over Rs. 25,000/- within 8 to 9 weeks. Branch Managers may be vested with discretionary powers to sanction proposals for loan from weaker sections without reference to higher authorities. Credit proposals from weaker sections are to be cleared promptly. Appropriate sanctioning powers have been delegated to the rural branch managers so that majority of loan applications are sanctioned at branch level itself. The banks are also required to maintain machinery at regional office level to look into complaints from the borrowers and to verify that the guidelines issued by RBI for lending to priority sectors are followed by the branches.

Bank Loan against Shares

6419. SHRI PRAKASH YASHWANT AMBEDKAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the banks had advanced loans against shares during the year 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94;

(b) whether banks have incurred losses due to fall in share prices after the securities scam;

(c) if so, the quantum of such losses, bank-wise;

(d) whether these losses have been recovered; if so, the quantum thereof; and

(e) the quantum of losses yet to be recovered on this count?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House to the extent available and permissible under the rules.

मंत्री जो आय-कर दाता नहीं हैं

6420. श्री राघव जी: क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि वर्तमान केन्द्रीय मंत्रिमंडल में ऐसे सदस्यों के नाम क्या हैं जो आयकर दाता नहीं हैं; अथवा जिन्होंने पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान एक बार भी अपनी आय कर विवरणी फाइल नहीं की है?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० वी० चन्द्रशेखर मूर्ति): सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा-पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Duty on Import of Agricultural Machinery

6421. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the duty imposed on import of agricultural machinery and details of items and duty imposed on them;

(b) whether imposition of duty will encourage agriculture in the country and will have favourable impact on it; and

(c) if so, in what manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V.